

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2725 - HB 3156

February 12, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts The Tennessee Spay/Neuter Law which:

1. provides that no individual shall adopt a dog or cat from an agency, including but not limited to an animal shelter, dog pound, animal control agency, or humane shelter operated by municipalities, counties or other governmental agencies with the state, or private organizations operating from a shelter from which animals are adopted or reclaimed unless:
 - the dog or cat has first been spayed or neutered; or
 - the new owner signs a written agreement with the agency stating that he or she will have the animal spayed/neutered within 30 days after adoption of such animal.
2. allows the agency to require deposits from the new owner prior to the adoption.
3. provides that if a person fails to comply, the agency may file a petition with a court of competent jurisdiction seeking compliance and/or requesting return of the animal to the agency.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes:

- that every county and municipality that operates an animal shelter will experience an increase in expenditures for the enforcement of this bill; however, such increase is estimated to be not significant.
- a not significant increase in revenues from deposits not returned.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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